

Discovery near Kafr Kassem 'Oldest Hebrew writing found'

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FIFTY-THREE. — Eighty Hebrew letters arranged in five lines, engraved on two fragments of a clay tablet found at the bottom of a pit on the hillside between Kafr Kassem and Migdal Zedek, may be the most ancient known specimen of Hebrew script — a hundred years older than the famous Gezer Calendar of the late 10th century B.C.E.
As yet the inscription has not been deciphered because the ink on the clay is extremely shallow.
The discovery — which has caused a sensation among archaeologists — was made during excavations conducted by a team headed by Dr. Moshe Kochavi, head of the Tel Aviv University's archaeology department, and Dr. Moshe Garsiel, who directs the Israel studies of Bar-Ilan University.
Newsmen who were taken on a tour of the site yesterday were informed that the tablet should be identified with Ezer Ha'aser mentioned in Chapter 4 of the first book of Samuel. It was there according to the writing, that the Israelites gathered, looking over to Philistines-held Afek across the 3,000-metre-wide valley. Hoping to recover from a recent defeat from the Philistines, the Israelites brought the Holy Ark from Shilo to Ezer Ha'aser. But the Philistines, who

heard the joyous Israelites welcoming the Ark, decided to strike in force to prevent their rebellious subjects from enslaving them. In the ensuing battle, 30,000 Israelites perished.
On the top of the rocky promontory, which is Ezer Sarta, the archaeologists uncovered the walls of a building 10x15 metres, with a series of slides on its eastern and northern sides.
There are no signs of conflagration on the site, and Israel Finkelstein, of Bar-Ilan University, says that this suggests the place was abandoned, rather than conquered in battle.
At Tel Beersheba, excavations wound up on Monday after eight years of intensive work. The Tel Beersheba team, led for seven years by the late Prof. Yohanan Aharoni until his death last year, uncovered an unvalued settlement from King Saul's time (11th century B.C.E.) and a walled city from King David's time.
Among the finds in the unvalued settlement were a number of buildings and some deep wells also used for grain storage. The next layer was a fortified city from King Saul's time with walls 4.5-metres wide.
One of the most exciting discoveries, director Zeev Herzog said, was a horned altar with traces of sacrifices still discernable. The altar was destroyed by Sennacherib in 701 B.C.E.

Argentina frees Zionist group

THE EIGHT JEWS detained in Cordoba, Argentina, were released last night, Israel time, the Foreign Ministry announced in Jerusalem early this morning.
The eight, three of them Jewish Agency youth movement emissaries, the wives of two of them and three local Zionist workers, were taken into custody about two weeks ago. No charges were presented against them.

Portugal's bid for ties greeted in Jerusalem



Mario Soares

By our Diplomatic Correspondent
THE PORTUGUESE Premier's announcement that he will seek to normalize diplomatic ties with Jerusalem has been received with satisfaction here.

Premier Mario Soares made the announcement in the Portuguese National Assembly in Lisbon on Monday, in a four-hour speech introducing his new Cabinet.

Soares said: "While adhering to the principles of mutual respect and non-intervention in the internal affairs of other states, we are currently faced with the issue of establishing diplomatic ties with the People's Republic of China and with Israel, and we feel that there is no reason to hinder us from establishing relations with all the nations of the world without regard to their domestic policies."

The official text of the speech contained the statement was distributed in the National Assembly and the relevant section was cable to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem.
Jerusalem regards the statement as a positive declaration of intent which goes beyond his public remark of last week about "establishing diplomatic ties with all states," but without naming Israel. The process of negotiating the establishment of ties may take time, Israel has had a Consul-General in Lisbon for many years but Portugal has never had consular representation here.

The key to the change is the rise to power in Lisbon of the Socialist Party after many years of national dictatorship followed by Communist dominance. Israel's Labour Party maintained cordial ties with exiled leaders of the Portuguese Socialist movement for many years, especially with Soares himself, in Paris.

Two Labour men in charge of international relations, Micha Elisha and Yisrael Gatt, suggested to Soares on more than one occasion that he visit Israel and spend time on a kibbutz. Soares is said to have agreed in principle. But before he could make the trip, the revolution came, and he was called to Lisbon to become Prime Minister.
An official delegation of the Portuguese Socialist Party visited Israel in June and the prospect of ties being established in the near future was mentioned. The delegation met Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, as well as Labour leaders here.

Dayan in Hongkong

HONGKONG. — Moshe Dayan, Israel's former Defence Minister, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Australia en route home. Dayan declined to talk to reporters and was not immediately known how long he planned to stay here. (AP)

Sadat claims Israel, Syria in cahoots to crush PLO

CAIRO. — President Anwar Sadat alleged yesterday that Israel had renounced the idea of a "red line" beyond which Syrian troops should not advance in Lebanon and given Damascus a free hand to liquidate the Palestinians there.

The agreement, he said, was reached in secret contacts between Syria and Israel held recently in Geneva.

Addressing a group of Egyptian students studying in North America, Sadat said: "It has become clear the Syrians are liquidating the Palestinians in a more cruel manner than the Israelis did. It has become clear that those who championed Palestinian slogans are the same persons who are liquidating the Palestinians now."

"At first Israel said there is a red line and declared this to the whole world, because America was (acting as a communication channel) between them (Syria and Israel). But then they held direct contacts in Geneva and (Israel told Syria) have a free hand, as long as you are liquidating the Palestinians," Sadat said.

Sadat's charge, made in Alexandria, climaxed an anti-Syrian campaign in the Egyptian press which began last week by denouncing the agreement between Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as a "Palestinian document of surrender." Newspapers claimed Syrian and Israeli intelligence agents met in a Geneva hotel on July 24 to draw up plans for assassinating anti-Israeli terrorist leaders, including PLO chairman Yasser Arafat.

Sadat said Russia was maintaining its arms embargo against Egypt, but the armed forces were fully equipped and prepared to liberate Israel-occupied soil if peaceful efforts failed. (UPI)

IDF contacts with leftist Lebanese

By ASHER WALLFISH
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IDF LIAISON OFFICERS have held three meetings under United Nations auspices at the Roeh Hanikra checkpoint with officers of Lieutenant Ahmed Khatib's breakaway Lebanese Arab Army. This is because practical realism dictates contact with whatever forces Israel faces across its borders. It is learned that Khatib's PLO allies were not represented at these meetings.

Authoritative observers in Jerusalem say that Israel's "red line" policy of deterring Syria from entering southern Lebanon has created an umbrella for the PLO and their leftist allies in that part of the country.

Israel prefers to keep the Syrian armed forces out of southern Lebanon and away from its northern border, even though this has created a vacuum which the PLO and the leftists have filled, to set up an organizational base there. This development was inevitable, the observers believe.

The PLO-leftist alliance is receiving steady supplies of war material and provisions, shipped from Libya and Egypt, through its two harbours in Tyre and Sidon. It is learned here. This alliance is most anxious not to heat up the Israel-Lebanese border at the present time, because the present equilibrium between Israel and Syria is its main guarantee for survival.

The alliance is not expected to interfere seriously in the immediate future, with trade and other contacts across the border fence.

The assumption that the turmoil in Lebanon will keep the Arab world occupied for a long time to come must be central in Israel's thinking, according to observers in Jerusalem. Although this country has gained and not lost by developments to date, there is little hope that the Arab world will change its mind.

soon about a settlement with Israel. The present split in the Arab world over Lebanon, more critical than any since 1967, may produce alignments which cannot yet be predicted.

Jerusalem believes that the present military coordination between Syria and Jordan, aimed against Iraq, is more effective and is maintained at a higher level of command than it was ever against Israel. Jordanian armour joined Syrian units on the border with Iraq.

The Arab leaders no longer mention the dispute with Israel in their diplomatic contacts with the great powers, stressing that Lebanon is their only concern at the present time. However, they cannot abstain from paying lip service to the Israel dispute in their public utterances, observers note.

Jerusalem feels that the latest "Damascus" agreement between Syria and the PLO cannot hold up for long, mainly because the PLO cannot undertake to keep out of Lebanese politics and refrain from military operations. In any case, one or more Arab countries will always aid and abet the PLO, whether it be Egypt, Iraq, Libya or another.

Syria wants to hammer the PLO into submission, without physically liquidating it. It is believed here. Syria does not want to "go all the way," mainly for political reasons. But there are military reasons too, like the presence of two or three Iraqi divisions on the Syrian border.

The Syrian army is over-extended and its units on the Golan Heights are at their thinnest since the Yom Kippur War.

Elsewhere in the Arab world, Libyan leader Mu'ammur Gaddafi has become a major headache for Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Sudan. These three non-radical states are more occupied with keeping Gaddafi at bay, than with any other issue. At the great power level, events in Lebanon have left the Soviet Union in a quandary and dented

its prestige in the Middle East even more than did the interim agreement between Egypt and Israel. Observers in Jerusalem believe that Russia cannot break with Syria, if it wants to keep its last remaining stake in the Israel-Arab rivalry. Russian influence in Iraq, however valuable for its policies in the Persian Gulf and Arabian peninsula area, has no relevance to the Israel-Arab dispute.

While it is known that no new arms deals are being signed between Damascus and Moscow, this does not appear to trouble President Assad. He has huge amounts of weaponry in reserve, as he had at the time of the Yom Kippur War, and can easily cope with a halt in the flow.

The chill with Moscow was not brought Syria closer to the U.S. in any significant sense, observers believe. However, it has deepened the dialogue between Damascus and Washington, and Washington is certainly interested in such a rapprochement.

Jerusalem holds that a golden opportunity now faces Israel to whittle down the prestige of the PLO in international public opinion. Misconceived charges that Washington is granting the PLO *de facto* recognition by negotiating with it over evacuation of civilians from Beirut, serve to throw away this opportunity.

In any case, Jerusalem believes, the U.S. wants to downgrade the PLO just now, and show due respect to Syria.

This week's terrorist infiltration across the Dead Sea does not indicate that the Jordan authorities have stopped cracking down on Palestinian terrorist organizations. Jerusalem assumes on the basis of evidence so far that the Jordanians do all they can to hamper raids of this sort. Israel, for its part, has no reason to change its policy that the Palestine problem can be solved only in collaboration with Jordan, a policy which the U.S. political world understands.

Arab trade groups call for end to VAT strike from Tel el-Zaatar

JERUSALEM POST-REPORTER
THE WEST BANK Chambers of Commerce last night appealed to all businesses in their area to end the three-day-old strike in protest against the imposition of the Value Added Tax there.

Most shopkeepers in East Jerusalem yesterday joined the West Bank anti-VAT business strike as Arab extremists appeared to be trying — with little success — to intimidate merchants into staging a total and long-term shut down.

West Bankers claim that the authorities have no right to impose the Israel taxation system in the "occupied" areas. VAT went into effect in Israel at the beginning of July, but its implementation in the administered areas was put off until September 1, pending publication of the new tax rules in Arabic.

Local Arab opposition to the new eight per cent tax, linked to compulsory bookkeeping, was being exploited by extremist circles for political aims. It would seem the extremists were trying to transform the anti-tax protest into political unrest aimed at bolstering the image of the Palestine Liberation Organization, whose decline at the hands of the Syrians in Lebanon has cast its shadow among local Arabs. However, extremist attempts to incite youngsters to hurl rocks at security forces and hoist "Palestinian" flags in Nablus and elsewhere, failed to trigger the public unrest the circles hoped for.

Attempts to instigate political demonstrations followed the local Arabs' total lack of response to a PLO call to Arabs in the administered areas to stage a business strike on Monday and Tuesday of last week. The call, which was repeatedly broadcast by the Egyptian state radio, urged local Arabs to show their support for the PLO, as the latter faced capitulation to a Damascus-imposed truce in Lebanon. A PLO claim that it received a message of "unqualified support" from 100 local Arab leaders was discounted by well-informed sources in the administered areas.

VAT pressure law

JERUSALEM POST KNESSET REPORTER
THE KNESSET yesterday adopted a bill barring Government and Government-supported bodies from purchasing goods or services from suppliers who do not keep books in accordance with the Income Tax Ordinance and the Value Added Tax Law.

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During hearings before Congress, Administration spokesmen claim that Saudi Arabia is threatened by a potential attack from South Yemen and Iraq.

BEIRUT. — The International Red Cross evacuated 91 wounded from the besieged Palestinian refugee camp of Tel el-Zaatar yesterday under a truce broken by sporadic sniping and machinegun fire.

The first victims to leave the camp since it came under Christian shelling six weeks ago were saluted by volleys of shots and blasts on car horns when they crossed into Moslem-held West Beirut.

Some of the wounded were able to stand up and wave from Red Cross vehicles. Others lay motionless, swathed in bandages.

The much-postponed mercy operation lasted just over four hours during an arranged cease-fire. The firing came after two mortar shells hit a building on the edge of the camp, at the same time as the first Red Cross car entered a football field where the wounded were collected.

Before gunmen of Interior Minister Camille Chamoun's rightwing National Liberal Party (NLP) would allow the convoy to enter the camp, they confiscated all medicines, blankets and water from Red Cross ambulances and trucks.

A Swedish doctor inside the camp reported by radio late last week that Tel el-Zaatar was left with only enough water for a few days. The doctor said there were 4,000 wounded among 30,000 people trapped in the Palestinian enclave, but other estimates put the number of wounded at about 1,000. The Red Cross has said it will take between three and five days to complete the evacuation.

One right-wing gunman said the bombardment of Tel el-Zaatar would resume as soon as the Red Cross party was clear. "Then maybe we'll have another evacuation tomorrow," he said.

The gunman said the Palestinians were strengthening their positions. He pointed out two buildings which he said rightist artillery would shell in the afternoon.

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Zionist Congress to establish 15 villages on one day

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SEVENTEEN TO 18 settlements within and outside the Green Line will be established on one "historic day" during the next Zionist Congress in January by delegates to the Congress, Zionist Executive chairman Fosef Almogi announced yesterday.

Talking to reporters on a Gaiet Sabal interview programme, Almogi said that the delegates will divide up for the day and travel to spots throughout the country to take a symbolic part in the opening of the settlements. All the settlements — located in Galilee, Pithat Rafeh, the Negev, the Jordan Valley, Gush Etzion and Mero-Horon — have already been approved by the Zionist Executive in coordination with the Government. Whether they are 15 or 18 depends on how soon the infrastructure can be completed. The Congress opens for eight days in January 17.

Almogi emphasized that it would be a "large Congress and a turning-point," with the composition of the incoming Zionist Executive decided before the first day falls to eliminate tension (or politicking) during the sessions. A four-year plan for all World-Zionist Organization departments will be tabled for the occasion.

Asked what he has proposed to be Horev Commission investigating immigration and absorption procedures, Almogi said that, if the present structure continues, "strict disciplines" between the Jewish Agency and the Absorption Ministry must be set. "He said, however, that he would prefer the establishment of a supreme joint authority for immigration and absorption that would take the place of the Agency's ally

and absorption department as well as the Absorption Ministry.

(Absorption Ministry director-general Menahem Sherman has suggested to the Commission that his ministry be responsible for the execution of all absorption policy in Israel, including the administration of absorption centres and hostels (now run by the Agency). If the original conception of the Ministry set in 1969 remains in effect.)

Almogi noted that Israel emigrants abroad should not be called "deserters" or given any other negative appellation. However, they should not be encouraged to work for the Jewish Agency.

Speaking in the Moshe Dufshin room of Beit Agon in Jerusalem — named for the father of Jewish Agency Treasurer Arye Dufshin — Almogi dismissed continual news reports that there is a battle going on between himself and the Treasurer. "We don't need a mediator... we live in peace... our relationship has not been undermined," he said, "although that doesn't mean we don't disagree." If Arye Dufshin is again supported by the General Zionists at the next Congress, Almogi has "no reservations and no opposition."

The Zionist chairman hopes that the eight Jews (including three WZO emissaries) who are imprisoned in Argentina will be released by the time he leaves for South America tomorrow (he will visit Argentina after touring Brazil and Uruguay). Diplomatic contacts between the governments of Israel and Argentina are frequent, he said, and he is certain from the Argentine position that the government there is "neither anti-Semitic nor anti-Zionist."

Tass sees 'Zionist agents' at congress
MOSCOW. — The Soviet news agency Tass yesterday accused some Israel delegates to the 23rd international geography congress here of acting as "Zionist agents" by attempting to contact Jewish dissidents.

Tass said the delegates were "roving by streets in an effort to find persons who would supply them with a new invention on the tired theme of non-existent 'infringement of the rights of Soviet Jews'."

It added: "Although registered as scientists at the congress, they were acting as real Zionist agents." (Reuters)

Kharchenko, a Second Secretary of the Soviet UN Mission, reported the incident when it occurred on July 18 and had since returned home.

"Literary Gazette" said the two CIA agents, whom it named only as Mr. Bryant and a younger man called Bob, first suggested a deal under which they would supply Kharchenko with useful political information in return for information on the Soviet Union's real intentions in pursuing its policy.

When the Soviet diplomat refused, they threatened to wreck his career and then warned him that if he fell from the window of the hotel room where they had met, newspapers would report it as a suicide.

"Literary Gazette," which gave no further details of the Soviet Foreign Ministry's approach to the Embassy, said Kharchenko was invited to the room in the first place by two plainclothes detectives, whom it named as William O'Brien and William Bourke. The Soviet diplomat had not known them, it said, when they were guarding the hospital ward where Mr. Malik was treated after a car accident in March. (Reuters)

40km. a year towards national road plan

By ERNIE MEYER
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ONLY ABOUT 40 KM of new highway can be built each year under present budgetary limitations.

In recent years, the Government has budgeted between IL300m. and IL400m. annually for its road network. About half of this amount goes for maintenance. Since it costs an average of IL5m. to build one kilometre of road, a IL400m. budget means that only about 40 kilometres of new roads can be built every year.

Prof. Elisha Efrat, "father" of the national highway master plan approved by the Cabinet on Sunday, used this simple reckoning to explain to *The Jerusalem Post* the importance of long-range planning. The plan, which is statutory law now, provides for the addition of 1,500 km to the approximately

4,000 km of the existing network over the next 15 years. At the present level of budgeting, of course, it would take more than 37 years to reach that goal. But the plan hopes for bigger budgets sooner or later.

Prof. Efrat, 47, teaches urban geography at Tel Aviv University and is also director of regional planning in the Interior Ministry. Work on the master plan started in earnest after the Six Day War. "My job is forecasting; what happens today is the past for me," Prof. Efrat said.

The importance of the master plan is that it ties all future road construction into one unified concept. This concept includes principles of population dispersal, development of Galilee and the Negev and preference of the interests of public transport over those of the private motorist. All regional and

local authorities will have to fit their road building plans into the master plan, Prof. Efrat said.

The 12-member planning team which Prof. Efrat headed, comprises officials of the Interior and Transport Ministries and of the



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Public Works Department, which carries out the actual construction work.

The plan, drawn up to a scale of 1:100,000, fills an entire wall in a room of the Interior Ministry. (The room is open to the public.) The plan provides for four types of road. The first type is the speedway, which when fully developed should have eight lanes, four in each direction, and measure 120 metres across. (Each lane is about four metres wide, but dividing strips and road shoulders and ditches account for the full 120-metre width.)

Other types of roads are metropolitan, national and regional. A metropolitan road, for instance, is one of the roads leading from Tel Aviv's Gush area into the city. A national road connects cities and in many cases would be the only

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Social and Personal

Indro Ingrao, newly elected Speaker of the Italian Parliament, has called his thanks to Yisrael Yeshayahu, Speaker of the Knesset, for the latter's good wishes on Ingrao's election.

The Knesset Speaker also met yesterday with a U.S.-based Jewish youth group of Syrian ancestry, who are participating in a seminar under the auspices of the World Sephardi and World Zionist organizations.

Helms Schwartz, Interior Minister in the Rheinland-Pfalz state in West Germany, yesterday called on Dr. Yosef Burg, Minister of the Interior, Present at the meeting were Dr. Haim Kuberky, ministry director-general, and senior ministry officials.

The 1976 Israel Jetrofrym Prize, endowed by the Jewish National Fund, was awarded yesterday to Dr. Israel Gutman of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewish History for his work on "The Resistance Movement and the Armed Uprising of the Jews of Warsaw within the Framework of Ghetto Life 1939-1943."

A farewell reception was tendered yesterday in Tel Aviv to Gabriel Zifroni, who is retiring from his post as general manager of the Habimah theatre company. Present were Aharon Yadin, Minister of Education, Moshe Sarbar, chairman of the theatre's board of trustees, and Shimon Finkel, former artistic director of Habimah.

Miss Universe, Rina Mor, on Monday received the Freedom of Tel Aviv from Mayor Shlomo Lahat and toured various parts of the city.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting at the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

ARRIVALS

Ida Schleifer, founder and president of the Alumni Club of Columbia University in the U.S., and **Abner Ben-Natan**, political adviser to the Defence Minister, from Paris.

North American tourism up 37%

Tourism from North America showed an impressive recovery in the first seven months of the year, the Tourism Ministry spokesman announced yesterday. A total of 150,600 visitors arrived in this period, compared with 110,000 for the comparable period last year - a rise of 37 per cent.

The spokesman, Michael Gidron, said that the "Year of Pilgrimage to Israel" programmes had accounted for part of the increased interest among U.S. and Canadian Jewish communities in visiting Israel. This followed the decline of the two previous years, in which non-Jewish visitors from North America accounted for up to 70 per cent of the total.

The total number of tourists in the seven months was placed at 459,000 by the Central Bureau of Statistics, a 36 per cent increase over the 1975 figure of 337,500 for the same period, and two per cent better than that of Israel's peak tourist year - 1972.

Entebbe commandos in tribute to 'Yoni'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
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The commandos who spearheaded the rescue of the hostages at Entebbe last night gathered in Jerusalem's Beit Ha'am last night to pay tribute - along with hundreds of others - to their late commander, Sgan-Aluf Yonathan Netanyahu. (Photo - p. 3)

The memorial evening, organized by friends of the fallen officer on the shabbos (thirteenth day after his death) was a taut and moving event which offered glimpses of the sense of Jewish destiny which guided Netanyahu through the trials of battle and the temptations of peace.

An unidentified officer in civilian clothing said that "Yoni" had studied Jewish history not as a collection of facts but as a spiritual source.

In a letter written in 1970 and quoted by former chief of army intelligence Aluf (res.) Aharon Yariv, Netanyahu wrote of the importance of serving in the army at this time. "I believe to a large extent that the existence of the Jewish people is dependent on Israel - that is, on us."

An armoured commander described how Yoni had come to him in Sinai a month after the Yom Kippur War, in which he had served as a commando officer on the Golan Heights, to ask for retraining in armour. "He was impressed by the way the armoured forces had stopped the enemy attacks and driven home the counterattacks."

Starting from the lowliest tasks, Netanyahu quickly mastered the art of war and was soon commanding a tank battalion created out of the remnants of a battalion shattered in the war. "Within less than a year, it was one of the best units in the armoured corps," the commander said.

In his farewell speech to the battalion before returning to the commando unit, Yoni told them "I believe in common sense, in a sense of responsibility on the part of the commander, in not passing the buck and in going into the smallest details so as not to compromise on results. I believe in Israel and in the collective feeling of responsibility that must be incumbent on us all."

In a speech of great eloquence, a comrade of Yoni's said life must be measured not just by the span of days between birth and death but by its content. Yoni's life, he said, had not only encompassed battle but a sensitivity to flowers and to poetry. "Beyond the balance and judgement and imagination and courage, what is required in battle is the unquenchable spirit of the nation. This was put to the test at Entebbe," he stated.

The evening opened with renderings by a string trio and a reading of the passage from the Bible on the deaths of Saul and Jonathan. "How are the mighty fallen in the midst of battle," Jonathan thou wast slain in these high places."

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Trade gap down but trend is shifting

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Israel's balance-of-trade deficit was \$238m. lower in the first half of 1978 compared to the same period last year, according to figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

This amounts to a 21 per cent decrease. Imports declined by three per cent and exports increased by 18 per cent, bringing the deficit to \$205m.

However, May and June this year saw the beginning of a negative trend. Imports in these two months were 11 per cent higher than the monthly average for January-April. Other negative trends were the five per cent increase in imports of consumer goods during the first six months of this year, while imports of production factors declined by 8 per cent.

Yitzhak Shapiro, Agriculture Sec'y, laid to rest

TEL AVIV. - Yitzhak Shapiro, the former Secretary-General of the Histadrut Agricultural Centre, was buried yesterday at Moshav Tzofit near Kfar Sava.

The body lay in state yesterday morning at the entrance of the agricultural centre building, where eulogies were delivered by Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, Senta Josephthal, chairman of the Economic Department of the Agricultural Centre, and Rafael Bash, on behalf of the Histadrut.

Shapiro was born in Poland and immigrated to Eretz Israel in 1928, worked in the orange groves of Pitha Tikva and Kfar Sava, and was among the founders of Moshav Tzofit.

In 1948 he began his work at the Agricultural Centre as the Secretary of the Moshav Department, and from 1956 until February 1976 he was the Secretary-General of the Centre.

He was also an active member of the Labour Party, and during the years 1968-1974 was a member of the Histadrut Central Committee.

He leaves his wife, son two daughters and grandchildren.

THE ARMOURD CORPS

First crop of officers from the country's yeshivot were reviewed yesterday by the corps' commander, Aluf Moshe Peled, at their passing-out parade.



A group of 25 Syrian-born Jewish students and youth leaders from the U.S. being greeted yesterday by Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu. The group is visiting here under the aegis of the Sephardi Communities Department of the World Zionist Organization. (El Hershkovitz)

Last-ditch try to stop Indira dictatorship

NEW DELHI. - Charging that Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is trying to make her present authoritarian rule permanent, non-Communist opposition parties are mounting a last-ditch campaign to block her plans to amend the Indian constitution.

But with the government enjoying a two-thirds majority in both houses of parliament, Mrs. Gandhi is expected to have her way easily when the amendments come up for debate later this month.

Although the government's final proposals have not been announced, officials of the ruling Congress party have repeatedly stressed that the thrust would be to ensure the "supremacy of parliament."

At the same time, the powers of the courts would be restricted - to limit the judiciary's chances of overturning legislation.

One proposal would put a flat ban on the courts reviewing constitutional amendments.

The Rucino Congress Party has argued that the constitutional changes are necessary "to remove hurdles and pave the way for rapid and far-reaching economic changes."

But an opposition-backed committee says this is nothing but a cover for "institutionalizing the present emergency on a permanent basis."

The pre-Moscow Communist Party has generally endorsed the proposals, while the other major parties have opposed them. (AP)

Oil-port workers up in arms again

ASHKELON. - Labour troubles have flared up once more in the Ashkelon oil port, leading to a 12-hour strike of two tankers Monday night.

The oil-port manager, Mishaal Shabun, said yesterday that the installation has lost hundreds of thousands of pounds due to disruptions in the work in the past few weeks.

These problems are residues of the major flare-up a year ago, in which the marine workers rebelled against the Histadrut, and defied court orders during a strike they held. The strike ended with 59 of the workers going on trial and most of them paying fines.

But some of the issues in that strike were left open - including the question whether the workers will continue to be represented by the local labour council, or be part of the Seamen's Union, which has long since been functioning without cooperation by the Histadrut. Monday night's strike of the two tankers was ordered by the Seamen's Union, based in Haifa.

The immediate issue involved in this strike was an arbitration ruling by the Chief Labour Relations Officer, Nahman Uri - which the workers oppose - upholding the management's decision that they work 12-hour shifts with a 24-hour break, instead of having 36 to 48-hour breaks as until now. (Him)

Fear of new quake in Peking

PEKING. - The six million people of the Chinese capital may be sleeping in the streets for weeks or even months because of the fear of another earthquake, Western diplomats said yesterday.

Chinese families who have lived for five days in makeshift tents or under plastic table cloths tied to trees are strengthening their shelters, adding tables and chairs, hanging pictures of Mao Tse-tung and setting down for a long wait.

The local people are taking official warnings of a second earthquake very seriously. Factories, apartments and office buildings are deserted, and officially-inspired banners in every street urge people to be on guard against looters.

Diplomats said they had received the strong impression that the emergency situation could last several weeks.

One senior diplomat said when he asked the Chinese how long it might be before buildings could be reoccupied, he was told that the population of the northern province of Liaoning had remained outdoors for many weeks after an earthquake had been predicted. A shock did strike the area last February, and Chinese officials said many lives had been saved because precautions had been taken.

The diplomat said he took this answer to indicate that the people of Peking might stay in the streets for a long period.

Most foreign mothers and children have been evacuated from Peking in the last 48 hours, but a parently 82-year-old Chairman Mao is still here. Asked to comment on a Hongkong report that the ailing Communist Party chairman had left the capital, a Foreign Ministry official said that such foreign press reports were entirely groundless.

Trains leaving the capital are booked up for a week. A Chinese source said this was because families with relatives in other parts of the country had been given permission to send women and children away from the city.

There was an official news yesterday about the one and a half million people of Tangshan, the coal mining city at the centre of last Wednesday's devastating quake. But travellers returning from Shenyang in Manchuria reported seeing military planes arriving at the airport there full of wounded people, presumably from the quake zone.

China's official Hsinhua News Agency reported, meanwhile, on "united and heroic" struggles by the people of Tangshan to rebuild and restore production.

Hsinhua, which so far has given no casualty figures, made one of its rare mentions of deaths in its Tangshan report. It said a grain bureau official organized people to protect granaries "though his own house had collapsed and his family members had been either injured or killed."

The report said the quake in Tangshan "caused losses to a certain extent."

The earthquakes in Northeast China have raised new fears in quake-conscious Japan. Seismologists in Tokyo said yesterday they had detected no signs of unusual activity around the Japanese islands in the past week. But Eikichi Takeuchi, an expert in geophysics, summed it up this way:

"There is no increased earth activity in and around Japan, but statistically and geographically speaking, it would not be a big surprise for us if a big quake hit Japan at this moment."

According to an American businessman who arrived in Tokyo yesterday, the Chinese, despite severe destruction in Tangshan, continued to provide foreign visitors with complete warm meals after the earthquake.

Kenneth McGuire, 34, said the visitors, including Australians, West Europeans and a New York Labour union group, first were taken to a soccer stadium. Later, he said, they were bled down on the floor of the municipal club, a sturdy old building built by the British before the war, and then put on a train for Shanghai.

On the day they arrived in Shanghai, he added, 800 volunteers, mainly engineers, were dispatched for relief work in Tangshan, 120 kms. northeast of Tientsin, carrying tents and a week's supply of rations.

Also arriving in Tokyo yesterday were the widows of two Japanese engineers killed in Tangshan when the quake wrecked their hotel. The widows, carrying the remains of their husbands in linen wrapped boxes, wept uncontrollably. (Reuter, AP)

Three more held in T.A. 'watermelon' racket

By SHOSHANA BIENBAUM
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Three more watermelon wholesalers were arrested this week on suspicion of taking part in a large-scale protection and extortion racket.

Last week the special police unit for protection crimes arrested three other alleged racketeers, suspected of demanding a IL5 protection payment for every truck delivering melons daily to the Sitrak Market.

The three arrested this week, police sources said, had used a gang of thugs to forcibly collect debts, but they themselves had been victims of the gang's racket and had to pay protection money for the melon trucks. (It was not clear whether these payments were made directly to the gang or to the suppliers buying from the wholesalers - with the suppliers paying to the gang.)

The wholesalers, having to pay this money, in turn demanded it "Gili" (Titzhak).

from the farmers. In the form of reduction of IL5 per truck on prices they normally pay. A who visited the Sitrak market this week told The Jerusalem Post that the wholesalers act under this "Tee" in their books, which they keep for income tax purposes under the heading "protection fee" - adding it to the price of the melon shipment.

The police investigation of another crime, the murder of Shlomo Glikarov at a sports shop in Tel Aviv - reveals it may also be connected to the watermelon racket, and have resulted from an underworld quarrel over control of road watermelon kiosks in the Tel Aviv area.

It is believed that when Glikarov died his position as head of the "controllers" was taken over by his brother Yitzhak who was out of sight after three of his were arrested last week. The police said they were now looking for him.

Would-be Jericho settlers demonstrate in J'lem

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some 35 members of Gush Emunim yesterday demonstrated in front of the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem demanding permission to settle in Jericho.

They had tried to squat near Jericho on Monday but the army blocked their way and evicted them. Yesterday's demonstration was held during a meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Settlement. As the Ministers drove out of the compound, demonstrators handed them booklets describing their plans and letters complaining that their applications to settle had been rejected. The letters said the group comprises more than 200 members. Gush Emunim leaders have said they want to settle there to prevent ceding the territory to the Arabs.

Their case had been raised in the Ministerial Committee by the National Religious Party's Yitzhak Rabin, who asked, "What about Jericho?" The committee's chairman, Israel Galili, replied "An answer will be given," but did not say when. A well qualified source told The Jerusalem Post this not mean a debate on whether there had been requested, nor expected.

The problem of the Gush Emunim group in Camp Kaddum was mentioned yesterday. "This comes up at Cabinet meetings," minister told The Post.

Meanwhile, Independent Likud Minister Moshe Kol yesterday briefed his party's "enlarged permanent faction" on Sunday Cabinet debate on Kaddum. He said the decision to implement its decision to prevent establishment of a permanent settlement on the site. Cabinet on May 9 decided Kaddum group will be transferred to a permanent place of settlement that will be offered it.

Highly placed sources in Government and in Gush Emunim said they have not made any tacts recently.

Canadian doctor wins first round in fight to enter

A Canadian doctor who came to Israel two years ago with his family, and who was barred from reentering after a visit to Europe last month, yesterday won the first round of his battle with the Interior Ministry.

Dr. Harvey (Avraham) Kryger, who has lived here as a tourist while his wife and children became temporary residents, obtained an injunction from the High Court of Justice ordering his release - on certain conditions from the Ben-Gurion Airport lock-up where he has been detained since arriving from Europe on July 22.

The court also issued an order nisi against the Interior Minister to explain why he should not issue Dr. Kryger a visitor's visa.

The Interior Ministry, Dr. Kryger charged, has apparently decided to turn him into a "test case" in its efforts to keep out drug offenders. The 30-year-old doctor - a physician and dentist - came to Jerusalem in 1974 to specialize in plastic surgery and to study the possibility of aliyah.

In January, 1976, the police found a small quantity of marijuana in his possession, and he was convicted of drug possession. He was fined IL3,000. Though immigration officers at the airport refused to give him any explanation for his entry, his attorneys found out the instruction had issued by the Interior Ministry because of his drug conviction. His subsequent description by police as "a man with a criminal record and dangerous to the state."

Dr. Kryger's wife had last obtained a residency permit studies. He too, he claims, had filed in June 1975, for a residency permit, as a temporary worker. But beyond a request from Interior Ministry for supporting documents, he has heard not since.

Until the court decides on case, Dr. Kryger will be able to rejoin his family. He had to pay IL50,000 bail, and to agree his release would not be interpreted as a change in status of the Interior Minister's right to keep him out of the country. (I)

U.S. rabbi to sue Agnew for libel

WASHINGTON. - A prominent American Jewish leader is planning legal action against former Vice President Spiro Agnew for misrepresenting his views in an anti-Israel newsletter.

Rabbi Henry Siegman, executive director of the Synagogue Council of America, has already obtained the services of Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz in a planned libel suit. Their intended damage sum has not yet been determined.

The Agnew newsletter said last week that Rabbi Siegman "trou criticizes Israel for the treatment of the Arabs living in the territories conquered in the 1967 war as finding American Jews 'very captive' to his position."

Siegman denies ever having made such a statement.

Agnew referred in the article to other American Jewish leaders, Breier, a dissenting American, and a statement to charge that support for Israel in the U.S. Jewish community was eroding.

Inter-faith body to aid victims of Lebanon war

HAIFA. - A national inter-faith relief committee for the victims of Lebanon's civil war was set up here yesterday. Among the members are Jews, Moslems and Christians. They include Chaim Guri and Aharon Amir, the Hebrew poet; Sheikh Farid Wajdi Tahari, the head of the religious court of Jaffa; the head of the Baptist church, Marcus Reed, and the local council heads of Sha'ab and Ba'aneh, in Galilee, Abu Fa'our and Saleh Hassan Bakri, both Moslems.

The initiator of the committee is Greek Catholic Elias Matar, the Haifa businessman who organized aid work many months ago. He said yesterday that the committee's programme will be to help the Lebanese wounded in the hospitals, to collect money for sending food to Lebanon, and to conduct an information campaign. Those who wish to join should telephone 533714 in the Haifa area. A postal bank account had been opened for contributions under No. 4-18652. - 2.

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Gravestone is placed on the grave of Sgan-Aluf Yonatan Netanyahu on Mount Herzl yesterday by members of the family and, far right, Defence Minister Shimon Peres. The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur. Yesterday marked the shloshim of Netanyahu's (Rahamim Israeli) death.

Forced to cheer Amin', Knesset told Syrian Jews are today's Marranos

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SYRIAN JEWS were recently forced to give a "warm welcome" to the Syrian President Hafez Assad, Knesset members told the Knesset yesterday during a special session devoted to the plight of Syrian and Iraqi Jews.

Mr. Moshe Katsav, a member of the Knesset, said that the Syrian Jews were "forced to cheer Amin' [Assad] when he came to the country, and they were not allowed to say anything against him." He said that the Syrian Jews were "today's Marranos" because they were forced to hide their Jewish identity and to live a life of shame and degradation.

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Activists plan Tisha B'Av prayers on Temple Mount tomorrow

By JUDY SEIGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Religious Affairs Minister yesterday suggested to a group planning to pray on the Temple Mount on Tisha B'Av, which starts tonight — that they first consult a rabbinical authority and then, if given a positive answer, to ask the police for a permit.

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Tisha B'Av fast tonight

Jerusalem Post Staff

About 100,000 people are expected to visit the Western Wall in Jerusalem during the 25-hour Tisha B'Av fast — to mourn the destruction of the First and Second Temples and all the other disasters which have befallen the Jewish People.

Thousands of children from all over Israel will flock to the Wall — the only remnant of the Second Temple — today at 11 a.m. at the bidding of the Lubavitcher Rebbe in Brooklyn.

Residents protest, put up road block 'Neve Yaacov turned into a slum'

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several hundred residents blocked the entrance to Neve Yaacov for more than three hours yesterday morning to protest an alleged over-concentration of slum dwellers in their neighborhood, off the Jerusalem-Ramallah road.

The residents charged that the authorities were undermining the character of the neighborhood by filling entire houses with large families evacuated from the city slums.

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Egged demands IL 590m. to cover deficits

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Egged is blaming the Government for its present difficult financial situation, and is demanding that the Government pay the bus cooperative IL590m. to cover accumulated deficits.

Egged spokesman Gideon Talmor yesterday told The Jerusalem Post that the Government is not fulfilling its obligations to the cooperative.

Taxi trade war with buses

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Short taxi fares have been charging the same fare as buses for the past week to attract passengers back from the cheaper bus services, and to get the Government to pay more attention to their demands.

They may have succeeded in getting back passengers — though even that is not yet clear — but they have failed to get any response from the Government so far, according to one taxi owner.

Major Austrian team to shop here for Kfir

By EZEK SOHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — All of Austria's three major political parties will be represented on the Kfir shopping expedition, to be led by Defense Minister Karl von Loebgen, after this month.

This should be interpreted as an indication of the importance attached by the Vienna Government to the negotiations. The Jerusalem Post was told by a highly authoritative foreign source here yesterday.

Harms the nation to buy imports over local goods

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

If you buy an imported rather than a local product of equal quality you are "harming the nation," Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev said yesterday at opening ceremonies for Jerusalem Shalek's "Blue-and-White Month," an event aimed at promoting locally manufactured goods.

"For some merchandise," he said, "we have no choice but to buy imports — such as cameras and film. But where high-quality Israeli goods are available, we are harming the nation by passing up these goods in favour of imports."

Liberzon ties for 11th place

By ELIAHU SHARAF
Jerusalem Post Chess Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Grandmaster Vladimir Liberzon of Israel gained 11th place in the Biel International chess tournament on Monday after defeating Argentine's Raul Sangrienti in the 16th round. Liberzon shares the place with Efim Geller of the Soviet Union, each with eight points.

Robert Hubner of West Germany assumed the lead after drawing with Geller in the 16th round, with a total of 10½ points. Denmark's Bent Larsen is half a point behind with a game in hand (against Robert Byrne of the U.S.). Former world champion Mikhail Tal is third with 10 points after a draw with Sweden's Ulf Andersson.

National road plan

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road open to interurban truck transport. Regional roads will be planned to supply all the needs of local and agricultural traffic and to steer such traffic increasingly away from main roads, Prof. Efrat said.

A total of 20 to 30 cloverleaf interchanges are planned to facilitate the smooth flow of interurban traffic, he added. "Even if a road now has only one lane in each direction, its designation as a metropolitan or national road under the master plan, will force local authorities to adopt all roadside building to that future concept," Prof. Efrat said.

TODAY'S POSTBAG

THE TECHNION is experimenting this summer in operating a summer course for high school students from abroad. In cooperation with the Jewish Agency, it has opened a course for 24 students from the U.S., Canada and Mexico in computers, environment, bio-engineering and energy problems.

VOLUNTARY SUMMER work by 300 high school students, who responded to a call from the Education Ministry's Youth Department, will be done in the IDF emergency stores throughout the country.

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Viking digs deeper into soil puzzle

PASADENA, California. — Viking 1's mechanical arm thrust into Martian soil yesterday for the second time, grasping fresh dirt to explore for basic units of life.

A shallow trench dug neatly beside the place where Viking scratched the rusty surface last week, appeared in a picture beamed back by the robot lander yesterday morning.

By last night, the lander was to signal whether the dirt was successfully deposited in a funnel leading to the organic analysis instrument. A failure to get the dirt delivered last week was the reason for yesterday's digging.

The search for organic compounds in the soil was expected to help scientists determine whether the strange activity Viking has detected in the surface dirt is a sign of Martian life or merely a strange chemical process that mimics life processes. Results of the study are to be released later this week.

The instrument — a gas chromatograph mass spectrometer — will search for molecules of organic matter which, if found in sufficient amounts and complexity, would strongly suggest living organisms are present.

A hastily organized special scientific team still straddled the fence Monday on the puzzling gas emitted by a dirt sample already inside the minilaboratory.

Soon after a liquid nutrient was fed to the bit of soil last week, gas containing a radioactive tracer in the nutrient began pouring out at a startling rate. Dr. Gil Levin, who heads the team monitoring the experiment, said the gas generation was no longer accelerating and had reached a plateau.

But neither earth organisms nor nonliving chemical processes known to scientists here could explain the rate at which gas was emitted by the soil sample, said Levin. (AP)

Schoolbus abductors 'Beelzebub believers'

CHOWCHILLA, California. — Documents found by investigators in the Chowchilla kidnap case contained bizarre references to Satan and a \$5m. ransom note was signed "Beelzebub," it was reported.

"Beelzebub" was an apparent misspelling of Beelzebub, a New Testament name meaning Lord of the Flies and used as a synonym for the Devil.

A Fresno, California, paper said on Monday it was informed by investigators some documents contained "strange references to Satan" and others were written in Sanskrit.

The documents were found on the estate of the family of Fred Woods, 24, one of the three suspects in the July 15 kidnap of 26 school children and their bus driver. The victims were placed in a truck body buried in a quarry owned by Woods' father in Alameda County. They dug their way to freedom.

The other two suspects are James Schoenfeld, 24, and his brother Richard, 22, both of Atherton, California. The younger Schoenfeld surrendered on July 23, while Woods was captured in Vancouver, B.C., last Thursday and the older Schoenfeld was caught in Menlo Park, California, the same day.

"Maybe one of them, or all three of them, were into the occult," one investigator said. "But occult or not, it had nothing to do with the kidnapping of these children and the fact the abductors wanted \$5m."

All three will appear in court here today. (UPI)

KILLED. — Three more guerrillas were killed yesterday in stepped-up government actions. The dead guerrillas raised to at least 10 the number of terrorists killed in clashes in two days and placed the year's political death toll at 764. The guerrillas died in a clash in Rosario, 200 kms. north of Buenos Aires.

Ugandan refugees still pouring into Kenya

NAIROBI. — Several thousand persons have fled Idi Amin's army in the past few weeks, John Rogers, an American and East Africa director of "Food for the Hungry International," said here yesterday.

Relief officials added that the refugees were continuing to pour across the border into Kenya. In the last few days the number of those fleeing, has reached about 75 a day.

About a third of these, according to Rogers, told tales of beatings and harassment by Ugandan troops. Some of them bore signs of beatings.

Referring to the two Britons arrested last week on spying charges, a Ugandan military spokesman said yesterday that his country had "no knowledge" of them.

One of them, however — Jack Tulley, has apparently been released. Informal sources stated here, Tulley, 65, has been seen "going about his normal business" in the Ugandan capital of Kampala during the past two days, said the sources.

Tulley was seen by another Briton in Kampala shortly after his release, the sources said. But the other Briton, 35-year-old Graham Clegg, is still reportedly being held in Kampala's Makinde prison.

In other developments: Radio Uganda announced yesterday that friendly Arab states were shifting oil supplies to Uganda to beat an economic blockade imposed by Kenya. But oil industry sources said no Arab country could undertake an oil airlift large enough to satisfy even Uganda's minimal daily requirements.

The radio also indicated the Defence Minister and the head of the Public Safety Unit, Amin's notorious bodyguard, had attended public functions, thereby crushing reports in Nairobi that they and a number of other army officers had been arrested by Amin to forestall a mutiny. (UPI, AP)

S.A. starts inquiry into Soweto riots

PRETORIA, South Africa. — The state-appointed commission of inquiry investigating the June riots in South Africa's black townships urged blacks not to fear testifying.

"This commission is not a commission of criminal investigation. Its function will not be to ferret out the culprits," said Justice Petrus Cillie, heading the commission, which yesterday started its inquiry. "It is the facts in which the commission is primarily interested."

The inquiry was set up to investigate the causes and effects of the riots in Soweto and a dozen other black townships in the Johannesburg and Pretoria districts in which 176 persons were killed and more than 1,200 injured.

Cillie outlined how the inquiry will work and then adjourned it until September 7 to allow more time for evidence to be assembled.

The judge appealed for all, particularly blacks, who might have evidence to come forward and pledged that those who want their identities kept secret would be protected.

Percy Yutar, retired Transvaal province attorney-general, said he will seek detailed, direct evidence on those killed and injured, the causes of death and injury and how the injuries had been inflicted. There would be similar detailed evidence about property damage.

The clashes broke out following student marches in protest against a government policy that certain subjects must be taught in the Afrikaans language. This ruling has since been rescinded. (AP, Reuters)

U.S. may arm Kenya, Zaire — K.

BOSTON. — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger said on Monday night that the U.S. should give "serious consideration" to arms requests from friendly African nations such as Kenya and Zaire.

Speaking to the National Urban League, Kissinger warned whites and blacks in southern Africa that time is running out for a peaceful solution to their problems.

The presence of foreign troops in Angola — there are an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 Cubans still in the country after the civil war — was increasing the risks of violence, Kissinger said.

Coupling his warning with an appeal to all those involved to aim for negotiated settlements and heed changes taking place on the continent, Kissinger declared: "With thousands of foreign troops north of the Namibian border and with intensifying warfare in Rhodesia, a far more volatile climate for violence exists in southern Africa."

"The risks of confrontation mount. Time is running out," he said. (AP, Reuters)

Fascinated by horror and death Fritz Lang, film director, dies

LOS ANGELES. — Viennese-born Fritz Lang, one of the giants in the golden age of German films and for years an innovative Hollywood director, died Monday after a long illness. He was 85.

Lang was best known as the director of "M," a study of a child killer, and for other suspense thrillers, including "Fury," an indictment of lynch law and mob rule. Other films included "You Only Live Once," "Hangmen Also Die," "Manhunt," "The Woman in the Window," "Scarlet Street" and "Clash by Night."

Lang made "M" in 1921, two years before fleeing Germany after rejecting an offer from Josef Goebbels, the Minister of Propaganda, to head the Nazi film effort. He said later he hated Nazism and feared the Nazis might discover that his mother was Jewish.

He once said: "I am profoundly fascinated by cruelty, fear, horror and death. My films show my preoccupation with violence, the pathology of violence."

A pioneer in the dramatic use of sound, Lang was renowned for his crisp inventive pictorial style. To many in Hollywood he was regarded as "a director's director."

Lang's first Hollywood film was "Fury," starring Spencer Tracy and Sylvia Sydney, produced in 1936. Filmed on a low budget, it was a huge critical success. Earlier, in 1927, he made "Metropolis," a controversial and highly successful futuristic film, based on a novel written by his wife and conceived during a visit to New York in 1924.

His widow is Therese von Harbou, a writer of suspense thrillers, who collaborated with him on the screenplays of all of the films he made in Germany. (Reuters)

Egypt 'forced to depend on foreign aid'

CAIRO. — Egypt will be forced to depend on foreign aid for the next five years because of its economic difficulties, Economy Minister Zakki said here on Monday, according to "Al-Ahram."

Shafat said Egypt's debts had reached \$3,000m. (some \$142,000m.) Zakki, who spoke to representatives of Egyptian students in the U.S. and Canada, was quoted as calling for a firm policy to curb expenditure and to apply austerity measures in all state institutions.

Shafat said that Egypt was still in a state of war with 25 per cent of this year's national income earmarked for military expenditure. (Reuters)

19 die in U.S. of 'swine flu'

HARRISBURG, Penn. — Medical researchers yesterday sought to identify an unknown, influenza-like disease that in the past four days has brought death to at least 16 persons who attended a U.S. military veterans convention.

Public health officials said the outbreak, which has hospitalized at least 50 other people, might be the result of swine influenza. They said that they couldn't now make a firm diagnosis, suggesting viral pneumonia as another possible cause. The ages of the dead ranged from 39 to 82. At least one death has been recorded officially as pneumonia. Autopsies were ordered in many of the deaths. (AP)

IN BRIEF

'No Olympics in Moscow without Israel athletes'

MONTREAL. — Lord Killanin, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said on Monday that the 1980 games would be withdrawn from Moscow if Israel or any other country was forced out of participating.

He asserted that the games would be cancelled if the Russian government introduces politics into the games.

Killanin reported that the Russians have guaranteed that every national Olympic committee recognized by the IOC would be invited to send a team to Moscow, even if there are no diplomatic relations between the two countries. He then added that "you have to accept people's words."

He claimed that the committee might have refused to allow the games to take place in Montreal had it known earlier that Canada would refuse Taiwan the right to march under the banner of the Republic of China. Taiwan withdrew from the games when the Canadian government stood fast. Twenty-nine Arab and African countries did not participate.

Although emphasizing that "this is Killanin speaking as Killanin," he said the committee is anxious to have the People's Republic of China participate in 1980. (AP, UPI, Reuters)

200 feared dead in Colorado

LOVELAND, Colorado. — Searchers switched from recovering the living to looking for the dead yesterday in Big Thompson Canyon, where officials said the death toll from a flash flood could climb far higher than the 52 known fatalities. Sheriff Robert Watson said the death figure could reach 200. "Who knows what's buried in all this silt?" Some farmer will dig down in his corn patch some day and find a body," he said.

Military helicopter pilots on Monday evening ferried to safety the last of 1,000 survivors who wanted to leave. The popular Colorado Rockies vacation spot was turned into a death trap by a downpour on Saturday night.

Besides the dead, authorities said 260 persons were injured and an estimated 550 were unaccounted for. (AP)

Asylum for Korchnoi

THE HAGUE. — Soviet chess grandmaster Viktor Korchnoi yesterday was granted a six months permit to stay in Holland pending a decision on his request for political asylum, a Justice Ministry spokesman said.

The spokesman said the decision was taken by Science Minister Ferdinand Trip, who is acting prime minister in the absence on holiday of Premier Joop den Uyl. Korchnoi, 45, asked for asylum in Holland on July 27 and is staying at a secret address. (Reuters)

A house divided...

NEW BRUNSWICK, New Jersey. — Eugene Schneider has been ordered to explain in court why his idea of dividing property in a divorce settlement was saving his \$80,000 house in two.

In court papers filed on Monday, Schneider was accused by his estranged wife of cutting through the support beams of their home with a chain saw on July 23. Schneider told authorities that he was cutting up the house as his idea of complying with New Jersey's divorce laws, which require fair and equitable division of property.

A housing inspector said he found rafters, the shingles and roof decking of the home cut through. He said floor joists were also cut through near the walls, making the building unfit for habitation. (AP)

4 die in grenade attack in Rangoon

RANGOON. — Anti-Government guerrillas killed four people and injured 67 in a grenade attack on Rangoon's central railway station, an official announcement said yesterday.

The grenade was set off at the station entrance on Monday just after the Mandalay express had arrived from northern Burma. Platforms were crowded with passengers, the announcement added. (Reuters)

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Reagan-Ford race grows tighter as GOP convention approaches

WASHINGTON. — Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign began to cut into the support claimed for President Gerald Ford on Monday, a week after Reagan named Senator Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania as his choice for Vice President.

Reagan, former Governor of California, is vying with Ford for the Republican nomination for U.S. president, to be decided by delegates to the party's national convention in Kansas City in 12 days. The winner will oppose Democratic nominee Jimmy Carter in the elections on November 2.

John Sears, Reagan's campaign manager, announced that Reagan had just been endorsed by five delegates that had been counted for Ford — a West Virginian and four Pennsylvanians influenced by Reagan's selection of Schweiker for his running mate.

Besides these, Sears said, a New York delegate had just announced for Reagan. He said 1,140 delegates were for Reagan. Despite surprise in the conservative South at Reagan's link-up with Liberal Schweiker, Reagan had lost no delegates to Ford, he added.

The six delegates named Monday had been counted as uncommitted in an Associated Press poll of legal commitments and stated preferences of delegates. The AP tally now stands: Ford, 1,105; Reagan, 1,029; uncommitted, 125.

The Ford camp has raised its delegate count from 1,139 to 1,134 — still more than the 1,130 needed for nomination.

Sears said at a news conference that Reagan's selection of a running mate put pressure on Ford to say whom he would like for his.

He said Ford had played games with the office of Vice President ever since becoming president on Richard M. Nixon's resignation two years ago. He had been "toasting out names with abandon, hinting at a southerner in the South and at a northerner in the North, claiming to consult the delegates on one hand while saying he will not be bound by their majority opinion on the other."

In Maine on Monday, Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller said again that he did not want to be nominated for reelection. Ford said at a recent news conference that Rockefeller might yet be considered for the job despite his withdrawal from the contest earlier this year.

Ford, meanwhile, conferred with speech writers on a speech to make at the convention, accepting the presidential nomination.

Press secretary Ron Neessen said that about two weeks ago the President asked several people to submit suggestions for the speech.

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If America won't exercise its buy-back option, India can sell its surplus spent fuel to other countries for civilian use. Use of the material would be subject to safeguards and inspections supervised by the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency.

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The coastal states want exclusive rights to fish and mine up to 200 miles offshore, and they are ready to press for even greater powers to regulate marine pollution and scientific research.

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Nessen, asked if that was premature, said Ford was doing well and, since the convention was less than two weeks away, felt he should be putting speech together. He also said letters were being mailed this week to 4,518 delegates and alternates at the GOP convention, seeking views on whom the President should choose as a running mate.

Sex-secretary Ray to cover GOP meet

KANSAS CITY, Missouri. — Beth Ray, the former Washington secretary who publicized the Capitol Hill sexual scandals, will cover the Republican national convention for a girls magazine.

Norman Hill, executive publisher of "Genesis" magazine, said Monday he expects to obtain perimeter pass for Miss Ray, who would allow her in the surrounds of the arena, but not the arena itself. Miss Ray had retained earlier as a convention porter, Hill said.

Miss Ray, the former secretary for Rep. Wayne Hays (Dem.-Or) is the author of "Washington Fr. Bonnets," a paperback book dealing the sexual escapades of Washington bureaucrats and their wives.

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have enough numerical strength to deadlock the negotiations, which sides have come to New York for battle.

In addition to the 200-mile and the deep-sea mining regime, sea law conference is writing for marine pollution, scientific research, passage through international straits, the rights of island and provision for a mandatory dispute settlement system.

Speaking at a news conference Monday, the chief U.S. delegate, Vincent Learson, said this negotiating session "in our view marks a critical stage in the negotiations. We are at a crossroads where it is possible to go forward to resolve the outstanding issues, or to get bogged down in ideological debate, particularly with respect to deep seabed mining which would impair the possibility of signing a treaty in early 1977 and further encourage the trend toward unilateralism."

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BRAHMAN MELAMED, Chairman of the NRP's Knesset faction, says: "In the 20,000 Gush Emunim sympathisers who participated in the massive March during Passover will see some of their energy to rise Jewish education, they could be seeking a more valuable contribution."

To which the Gush's Rabbi Moshe Singer replies: "The greatest ideological test I have seen is the fact that here are an idea and an activity — centred around Eretz Israel and the Jewish People — that are capable of drawing many thousands of people from all sectors of the population. I mean not only the settlement activities, the marches and demonstrations, but also the tens of thousands of Angel boyut (youth meetings) in the cities and in the settlements, which we include among those to which we are asked to devote attention."

Hanan Porat, 38, another Gush leader in the field, puts it: "All this doesn't only concern territorial policy. It has an all-Jewish spiritual-educational aspect that goes far beyond territory as such. It is important to see how discussion and activity centred around the Eretz Israel idea has been able to unite people from all sectors of the population, erasing the distinctions between 'religious' and 'secular' that had become deeply accepted part of our life."

Rabbi Yoel Shmuelson, 30, also a member of Gush Emunim's small Secretariat, says that Gush operates to prevent its role of ignoring, and drawing attention and resources away from, the nation's social and educational problems by focussing on what they sarcastically call "holocausts" and "holiness," are drawing an artificial and wrong distinction. He believes that "mending the nation goes hand-in-hand with mending the Land's proper settlement programme."

"Improperly implemented," he says, "will go a long way towards solving the country's social and economic problems, increasing aliyah, and decreasing yemida (emigration of Jews from Israel). Existing settlement policy is based on antiquated concepts and poses long-range questions neither Israelis nor to olim. The day of the conventional small farm settlements is over. Gush Emunim's settlement programme is built around model of people for urban, semi-urban, and suburban settlements. This contains a social message of the first order.

"With the existing settlement policy — one, moreover, that is being implemented at such a snail's pace — the socio-economic gap the country continues to widen. In Tel Aviv, the people who 'make it' continue to move north.

"The competition between the socio-economic groups gets more and more savage, and jealousy and crime increase. This can be solved only by a massive settlement programme that will attract people from all sectors of the population, and this is what has happened at Kiryat Arba (Eilat's Jewish quarter).

"It wasn't planned that way, but the fact is that the population there is a mixture of well-established Israelis, people from slums referred there by the Housing Ministry, and olim. And the same is now happening

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treatment. Recently, he had a head
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'Settle the land and mend the nation'

"Mending the nation goes hand in hand with mending the Land," says Rabbi Yoel Bin-Nun. He asserts that Gush opponents who accuse it of drawing attention away from the nation's social problems by concentrating on territory are creating an artificial distinction, writes **MOSHE KOHN**.

at Maaleh Ha'adumim."

CRITICS OF GUSH EMUNIM say it is possible to do all this in "Old Israel," in the Negev and Galilee, which also have empty spaces crying out for Jewish settlers.

All the Gush leaders I spoke to declare this "sudden concern" of "doves" in the Negev and Galilee to be a red herring about which much has been said for many years and little done.

"Of course these areas also have to be settled!" Rabbi Bin-Nun said. "But this will not be treating the problem on the necessary scope. First of all, why must treatment of the Negev and Galilee mean the exclusion of other parts of Eretz Yisrael?"

"Secondly, this will not prevent the continued growth of the Megalopolis all along our Mediterranean coast. This is a terrible security danger, especially in the atomic age. It will only continue the heavy concentration of population pockets such as there are in Egypt, where practically the entire population is concentrated in Cairo, Alexandria, and the Nile Valley."

"Everybody agrees that the mountain regions are vital, especially in the atomic age. The Arabs see us as temporary so long as we continue to cling mainly to the coast: that's another reason why our hold in Jerusalem bothers them more than anything else. Our failure to carry out an intelligent, imaginative settlement program in the next 10 years will be a sure invitation to catastrophe. This is what Gush Emunim is trying to prevent."

GUSH EMUNIM NOW has a nucleus of about 150 people, including 25 families, who are preparing to set up a *kollel* (yeshiva community) in Kiryat Shmona. Mercas Harav set up a similar *kollel* in the nearby development town of Hatzor several years ago.

Many of the men are students or graduates of the Har Etzion *heder* yeshiva at Alon Sivut and its teachers' seminary, and many of the women, like those at Hatzor, are National Service veterans. Once established in Kiryat Shmona, where they hope to set up a *heder* yeshiva,

the group's main activity would be educational, teaching in the local schools and conducting after-school tutoring and lecture programmes.

But the group also has people in other trades and professions, who would work in area offices and establishments of the Health, Social Welfare and Defence Ministries and of the Israel Defence Forces, or earn their livelihood as private entrepreneurs and practitioners.

What are they waiting for? They "hope to go" to Kiryat Shmona in the summer of 1977. Why not now? Because, the Gush leaders explained, of the core-group of 25 families and a few singles, many of the men are not ready now; they are in the middle of their studies. And it is feared that if those few who are ready go up now, they will not succeed, which will discourage the others, and the idea will die aborning.

The experience of movements of this sort has shown, the Gush leaders say, that an idea like this can be carried out only by a well-knit group of people, all of them together, tackling the problem from its various angles, re-inforcing each other in the process. Otherwise, the individuals who try are defeated by the prevailing environment.

This is why the Kiryat Arba community at Hebron, for all the problems facing it since it became a heterogeneous community under Herodian Ministry rule, has succeeded to the extent it has. Here, too, the core group in 1948 consisted of Mercas Harav alumni, led by Rabbi Moshe Levinger, who until about a year ago was also unofficial chairman of the "local council," and Rabbi Eliezer Waldman, then 21, who still lives there with his Jerusalem-born wife and their six children and is head of the *heder* yeshiva there.

Rabbi Waldman was born in New York, came to Israel in 1956 as member of a one-year Bnai Akiva *hachshava* (agricultural training group) at Kibbutz Yavneh. At the end of his year at Yavneh, he enrolled at Mercas Harav, and has since been an ardent disciple of Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook. He is a reserve officer in the Chaplaincy.

THE PRINCIPLE OF group homogeneity and solidarity also applies to Kfar Etzion. The core group of settlers in the bloc was the Six Day War conscripts, adults who had been members of Kfar Etzion, Massuot Yitzhak and Elin Tzurim, the three Hapoel Hamizrachi settlements in the Etzion Bloc when it fell in 1948, or children of those settlers, including some whose parents had fallen in the fighting.

One of these people was Hana Porat, then 24. Porat, who is secretary of Kfar Etzion, a member of the Bnei Akiva National Executive, and one of the leading members of Gush Etzion's 13-man Small Secretariat, was born in 1948 at Kfar Pines. His parents were there for agricultural training as members of the Kevutzat Avraham haCheshron that founded Kfar Etzion the following year. After the War of Liberation, the Etzion Bloc having fallen to the Jordanians, his family settled at Kfar Pines. At age 16½ he graduated from the Kfar Haro'eh Yeshiva High School, the first of the Bnei Akiva yeshiva high school network. It was founded and is still headed by Rabbi Moshe Zvi Neriah, a devotee of Rav Kook's philosophy, ardent advocate of the "Messianic footsteps" view of events, one of the founders of the Land of Israel Movement right after the Six Day War, and former NRP Knesset Member.

From Kfar Haro'eh, Porat went to the Kerem BeYavneh Yeshiva which, while he was a student there, became the first *hesder* yeshiva. Porat did his compulsory military service in the Nahal, and then he was again incorporated into the Paratroop Corps. After six years at Kerem BeYavneh, Porat went to Mercas Harav.

In the Six Day War, he fought with the Paratroop reserve unit that liberated Jerusalem. In the Yom Kippur War, he was one of the paratroopers who crossed the Suez with Ariel ("Arik") Sharon. He was seriously wounded in that battle, spending four months in hospital.

HAIFA-BORN RABBI Yoel Blinnun, 30, married and father of four children, another member of Gush Etzion's "general staff," has a somewhat similar history. After completing his Nahal service and schooling in Haifa, he went to Mercas Harav. A member of Bnei Akiva, he did his military service, including his Six Day War service, as a Nahal paratrooper. After that war he moved from Jerusalem to Kfar Etzion, then to near-by Alon Shvut, where he became a student-counselor, then teacher of Bible and Tanach in the parashvut at the Kfar Etzion Yeshiva. As a Tank Corps reservist, in the Yom Kippur War he, too, crossed the Suez Canal with Sharon.

Rabbi Yohanan Fried, 35, father of four, was Gush Etzion's official spokesman and apparent field commander in the first year or so of its public career, and today is in charge of the Diaspora Division. He, too, is a product of Bnei Akiva and Mercas Harav. There he is research worker at the Halacha BeSura Institute, in addition to teaching at the Amaliah Religious Girls High School in Jerusalem. He, too, is a Nahal Paratroop veteran of Israel's last two wars.

(To be continued.)

First the drawing, later to sculpture.

Self-criticism at an early age, with teacher Shosh Yisraeli (Photos Dan Landau)

Marsha Pomerantz visits a summer camp in Jerusalem for children with an interest in art and music. The idea is to make the arts alive, and to show what connections they may have. The camp, at the Carmeli school, is based on an afternoon programme during the school year.

Coating the arts for the very young

"OUR CHILDREN would be satisfied if we took them to the swimming pool every day and gave them ice cream," the director of a music-and-arts camp said in Jerusalem last week. "But we'd like to have them satisfied on a higher level. We want to make things a little harder for them. In the end, we find, the greater the challenge, the more they enjoy it."

Amalia Reuel was describing a three-week experimental programme of rhythmic and instrumental music, coordinated with art, dance and drama. The summer camp, at the Carmel School in the German Colony, is a condensed version of an afternoon programme during the school year. Last year about 150 pupils worked on the same subjects — along with karate — more intensively two or three times a week.

Reuel visited and explained the camp. She herself was talking about the stages through which two-dimensional art develops into three-dimensions (sculpture). Texture was the beginning of relief, and relief became higher and higher until it was "something you can walk around and see from different sides." Perhaps three of the 16 or so eight-year-olds grasped the principle of the start. To others, it began to make sense only as they traipsed around the room, making rubbings of tables, floor, walls, and anything else with a good texture that they could put their papers on. For others, it was just another kind of fun with crayons.

During the school year programme, the art teacher said, she spends several days shifting the topic from drawing to sculpture. The school programme didn't allow for that, because time was short, and the degree of readiness varied among the campers more than among the year-round students.

During both camp and school, the teachers meet periodically to choose themes for examining the possible connections between music, movement, colour, and words. When the camp had "acoustics" as its theme one week, the teachers visited a church, radio studio, and an orchestra rehearsal in an auditorium. They also played echo games in conduits under the road in the Valley of the Cross.

Reuel, who is a certified piano teacher, said she felt teaching only

theory and method could be as "boring as being a clerk." But, she said, when she could help a child listen to primitive music and "see what a baby does with a drum," he began to see music as a part of life. Relationships between the arts and music were most subtly worked out when the themes were abstract. "Three and four," one of the themes, could be examined in metre for music, in the number of colours used in a drawing, the division of shapes, and so on. "Mozart's birthday" was more tangible: his music, minuets, and pictures of the period.

In the three years since the school began in a small private flat, the teachers have been learning along with the children. "We thought, for instance, we would skip classical ballet and deal only with modern dance," Reuel explained. "But without the discipline of the classical, the modern dance turned out sloppy. So, beginning next year, each student must be one year of ballet if he chooses to study dance."

The summer camp is open to children with an interest in art and music; the school requires some evidence of aptitude for them, as well. Potential students are usually referred by music teachers in regular schools. The municipality will be contributing to the support of next year's programme, and through community centres will help recruit students who cannot afford to pay the full tuition fee. So far, the school budget has come almost entirely from fees (last year, IL100-165 a month, depending on the specific programme). The Education Ministry pitches in a "small allowance" for materials.

"The salaries are so small that the teachers have to be crazy about what they're doing to work here," the director said.

Reuel, who believes in starting everything small, would also like to start with more of the younger children, and eventually develop a programme for young people up to age 18. The school is now for kindergarten to 13, and the camp for kindergarten to 11. After studying and teaching at the Rubia Ascham in Jerusalem, the director spent five years in New York, where she visited the Hebrew Art School for Music and Dance (begun by an Israeli, Zippora Yochsberger). There she saw the arts studied in relation to each other — and a "joy of creation" that moved her to try a similar experiment in Jerusalem.

Reuel would like to develop both the interdisciplinary approach and a level of music study comparable to that of a conservatory.

"In about two years we should have a written curriculum for the school." Not that that's always a good thing, she hastened to add. Flexibility was important. But the school was beginning to take on form.

3 VISITED THE CAMP DURING "Peter-and-the-Wolf" week, and sat with the children in the schoolyard during a break before an improvised play that was to sum up the week's work. What was the difference between their camp and another, larger one, which meets in the same school? "The others make more noise," was one girl's observation, at once disapproving and envious. But she was right: the other group was doing something special.

In the school gymnasium, they later improvised the story of Peter set to music. The butterfly (wearing a *kova tembel*) fluttered paper wings. "Flowers" with dark eyes and paper-petal crowns waved in the wind, as the swan glided over the paper lake (which was curling slightly at the edges). The cat leaped. The wolf slunk — and at the crucial moment he bared his teeth, but nervous Peter lit the lasso over his head. Peter, who had been up all night in anticipation of his starring role, straightened his alpine hat and smiled with pride and relief.

A paper lake, at least that day, was more challenging and enjoyable than a swimming pool.

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Back to school



Photo Carol Gooter

for hours.

Jo Ann Brackeen is a pianist whom jazz fans are likely to hear a lot about. Unhappily the acoustics did not allow us to enjoy to the full her sensitive and driving playing. A delight to watch as well as hear as she immerses herself uncompromisingly in her music, oblivious to all else. *J.B.*

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<p>WEST</p> <p>♠ A 8 4 ♥ K 7 6 ♦ Q 5 ♣ A 10 3 2</p>	<p>NORTH</p> <p>♠ K Q 2 ♥ A Q J 4 ♦ K Q 3 ♣ 9</p>
<p>EAST (D)</p> <p>♠ 7 6 ♥ Q ♦ 10 8 7 4 2 ♣ Q 7 6 5 3</p>	<p>SOUTH</p> <p>♠ 10 7 5 3 ♥ A 10 8 6 5 2 ♦ A J ♣ K J</p>

The bidding:

<p>EAST SOUTH</p> <p>Pass 1 ♠</p> <p>Pass 2 ♥</p> <p>ALL PASS</p>	<p>WEST NORTH</p> <p>1 ♠ 3 ♦</p> <p>Pass 4 ♥</p>
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Hospital in search of a godfather

By LEA LEVAVI

ASSAF HAROFÉ Hospital needs a godfather, said Clara Balmaky, president of Hadassah Wizo of Canada, as she catalogued the long list of items — from new buildings to nursing school facilities — which the institution needs. But the fact is that her own organization has been serving as god-parent to the hospital for the past 15 years.

It was with funds raised by Canadian Hadassah Wizo that Assaf Harofé established a center for physiotherapists, a hydrotherapy treatment programme, a dialysis unit, an intensive care cardiac unit, cancer care facilities, and many other services. "Many of these things just wouldn't exist here if it weren't for these women," said Dr. Israel Klein, the newly-appointed director of the hospital.

The Canadian organization also provides the equipment needed to maintain these services, in addition to general equipment such as wheelchairs.

Mrs. Balmaky pointed out that the hospital does a great deal for the Arab sector, and added that it is something people in Canada should know about. "Wherever I go," she said, "I talk about what Assaf Harofé, and the Israeli health care system in general, does for Israeli Arabs and the Arabs in the administered territories."

The hospital now provides medical services in the Moshav Shlomo area, with a physician permanently stationed in the Santa Catherina area, and hospital medical staff doing monthly rounds in the Merhav. It is planned to vaccinate all the children in the area this autumn — something which has never been done before — to take preventive measures against tuberculosis, which is endemic there.

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<p>WEST</p> <p>Pass Pass All Pass</p>	<p>SOUTH</p> <p>Pass 2 ♣ All Pass</p>	<p>WEST</p> <p>1 ♠ Pass</p>	<p>NORTH</p> <p>Double 4 ♥</p>
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South had his eye on discarding two clubs on the king, queen of diamonds, and on winning three spade tricks if they split 3-2. It all seemed a matter of timing.

One declarer won the first trick with the diamond jack and then played the heart nine which held. He now finessed with the heart jack and took the risk that West had another diamond by leading to the ace. He won a trick with the heart ace, dumped two clubs on the good diamonds, and returned to his hand by ruffing a club. Then a spade was played to the king with West ducking. But how was declarer to return to his hand? If West had held only the ace doubleton in spades, a low spade would be the lead to establish the spade suit. But South

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made the colourful play of the spade queen which felled East's jack while leading to the ace. So he made 12 tricks.

Another declarer handled the situation differently. He won the first trick with the diamond jack, the second with the heart nine, and then played toward the spade king in hoping that East did not have a singleton. West did not see the danger of his not making the club ace, so he ducked the spade lead.

Declarer then took the second risk of leading toward the diamond ace. He finessed hearts and captured the outstanding heart king. Then he dumped his clubs on the good diamonds, trumped his club nine, and a spade lead ensured his making twelve tricks.

Which declarer was preferable? Other declarers may prefer 11 tricks.

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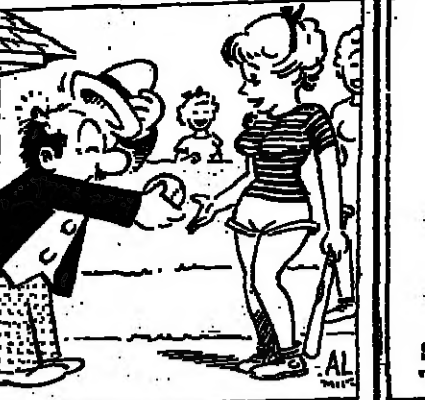
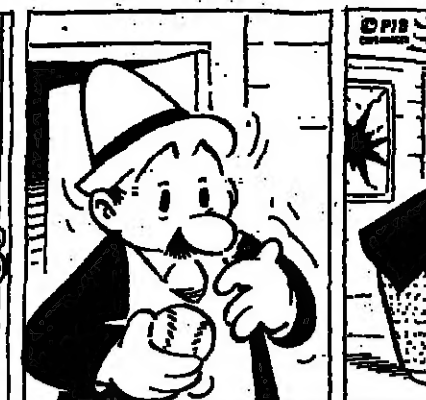
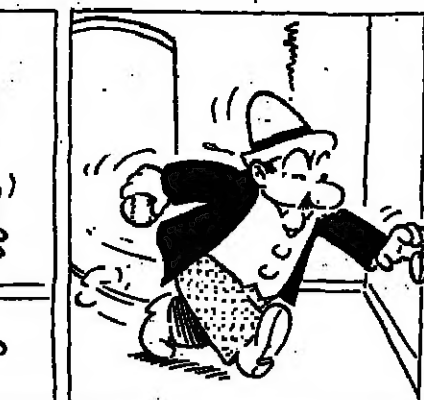
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Bad habits die hard

DURING the halcyon inter-war years when easy money was flowing into Israel and percolating down unevenly into the booming economy, various groups were unjustly enriched because they had learned the arcane art of which buttons to push and which strings to pull to open the gates to the State Treasury.

The bitter quips as to the permanency of the opulent villas of the contractors who had built the defunct Bar-Lev Line, and the fact that it took socialist Ministers of Finance to create Israel's first thousand millionaires are of too recent vintage to have been forgotten.

The picture of a quasi-socialist government creating an economic regime which often seemed to be a Middle Eastern, 20th century replica of the 19th century robber barons period of American capitalism, is part of the explanation for the cynicism with which the public regards the government's economic performance.

As reprehensible as was the practice of milking the Treasury — actually the Israel taxpayer — it was made possible by the continued flow of easy money. But now that flow has been stemmed and one of the most urgent tasks confronting the government, the economy and the public, is to trim their sails to the new economic gales.

All of this provides the context within which the government must consider two of the latest developments in this field: the demand by hoteliers this week for higher subsidies — actually a more advantageous rate of exchange on the foreign currency they earn — and (matching them in brazenness) the demand by Egged that the Treasury cover the half billion pound deficit its management has succeeded in piling up over the years.

The point to be made in regard to both these demands — which are only a small sample of others in the offing — is that their merits and demerits are immaterial: the public money, which the hoteliers and bus operators want in order to feather their own nests, is simply no longer there. Unless, of course, the taxpayers agree to have it lopped off their own shrinking available income and purchasing power.

Like the girl in the song, "who can't say no," the Treasury, which has suffered from the same disability in the past, will simply have to learn to say "no." Barely one year before elections, a democratically elected government, which has rightly been cutting subsidies on basic foodstuffs for the general public, and which has set the entire economy into a turmoil with a new tax intended to raise badly needed revenue, cannot afford to continue saying "yes" to such demands.

The hoteliers' complaint of low occupancy in their hotels — if true — could very likely be due to their poor service which once-burned tourists report back to prospective tourists who never come.

The Egged members, who earn between two-and-a-half and three times the average wage, also prefer the suffering public to provide profits and cover deficits. But they could also do well to contemplate the quality of service they provide, which helps turn passengers into car owners.

And the government, as it gears itself to deny these demands, would do well to contemplate a system which makes the public till a continuing mechanism for the private affluence of vested interest groups.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

DAVAE (Histadrut) is pleased with the way Israeli security forces prevented Monday's settlement attempt at Jericho, and hopes that any future settlement attempt without Government permission will be dealt with in the same way, even if it involves the use of force.

HA'ARETZ (Independent) is critical of the Prime Minister's position as it emerged from the Cabinet meeting at the beginning of the week. "From everything the Prime Minister has said, it is clear that the Eilon Moreh settlement group will remain where it has been since the beginning of December. And when Mr. Rabin says he is not bound by a timetable

and will take the matter further only when the time is ripe, who can doubt that this represents a victory for those in the Government who support Gush Emunim?...If the Prime Minister is more interested in coalition stability and the survival of his government than in ensuring his decisions are obeyed, the question should be asked whether that Government is worth preserving. HATZOFER (National Religious) which usually supports Gush Emunim, stresses on this occasion that the would-be settlers in Jericho should have first obtained permission from the Ministerial Committee on Settlement. Methods of settlement which compel the authorities to call in the Armed Forces are unacceptable. YEDIOTH ARAHONOT (Independent) wonders why the Defence Minister has taken so long to lodge a complaint with the UNHCR over alleged violations by the Egyptians of the interim agreement in Sinai. "If it is true that they have moved in 18, rather than the eight, battalions into the limited-forces zone, why has Mr. Peres remained silent for so long? After all such a movement of forces could not have been completed overnight."

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הקדמה לפרסום

THE CONVENTIONAL wisdom about the Middle East goes to this day, that the Soviet Union needs the State of Israel in the area to gain the support of the Arabs. This was, indeed, true at one time, but not any longer.

When the Kremlin launched its imperialist thrust into the Middle East back in 1955, Israel served its purposes well enough. In fact it could have been said that if Israel did not exist, the Soviets would have had to invent it, and, in this sense, their share in helping Israel rise to stardom is a matter of history. Bluntly put, Israel was in Soviet eyes just the sort of irritant, or trouble-maker, that was calculated to provoke the Arabs into alliance with — or at least dependence on — the Soviet Union.

For a number of years the Kremlin carefully played both sides of the street. It publicly acknowledged Israel's right to be a State, yet it repeatedly claimed that Israel's very survival was being threatened by its "anti-Arab" policies.

A situation of "no peace and no war" in the Middle East suited the Soviet Union; and if actual, hot war happened to break out — not without the benevolent assistance of the Soviets — it was to end by getting the Arabs to the verge (but only to the verge) of total defeat, from which the Soviets would bail their Arab friends out. That helped increase Arab dependence on the Kremlin, while it forced Israel to invest a disproportionate amount of its national resources in military defence.

RECENTLY, HOWEVER, this seemingly convenient arrangement has undergone a profound change. The previously glib Arab leaders began to realize that the Soviet

THE SOVIET THREAT TO ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL

There was a time when the Soviet Union had a stake in Israel's survival, for the Arab-Israel conflict served Russian interests. But now, contends MIKHAIL AGURSKY, the Kremlin has found that a PLO mini-State would serve Russian interests better. And so Israel has become wholly dispensable in Soviet eyes.

Union was, in fact, a most dangerous imperialist power intent on enslaving the Arab peoples under the pretence of helping them against their enemies. At the same time the Arabs' economic dependence on the Soviets began to lessen as inflated oil royalties began to fill Arab coffers, making the Arabs themselves into a world economic power of the first order.

The prospect of a Soviet takeover of the Arab world is therefore now more remote than ever. But that does not mean that the Middle East has been removed from the Kremlin's global power scheme. It only means that fresh instruments of Soviet control and intervention must be actively sought.

The State of Israel has clearly lost most of its earlier usefulness to the Soviet Union; no matter how much they now harp on the theme of the "Arab Spring," the Arabs are not at any rate, will no longer rally round the Soviet flag. But a new tool

is now readily available to the Kremlin in the Palestine Liberation Organization. The highly radicalized PLO is valuable even in its present somewhat inchoate form. But a Soviet-supported Left-wing PLO State in a part of Palestine, lacking any established, traditional roots, would serve as an ideal bridgehead for penetration into the area, including its oil-rich countries. And such a little Palestinian State would serve as a perfect substitute for Israel.

The Soviet Union realizes, of course, that the PLO mini-State would first direct all its energies against Israel, with the aim of disposing of the Jewish State and "reunifying" all Palestine. But that does not bother the Soviet leaders any longer. Israel is, in their eyes, wholly dispensable. Its destruction may, in fact, be viewed as imperative.

The Kremlin's first order of business, however, must be the es-

tablishment of the PLO State. Military means will not now do for the purpose, but a political strategy should come in handy. Such a strategy may be compounded of three distinct methods of operation: first, diplomatic pressure on Israel; secondly, subversive political activities within Israel; and thirdly, a campaign of smiles designed to lure Israel into a false sense of security.

ITS AGAINST this background that we should consider the recent spate of Kremlin-inspired rumours — spread, for example, by visiting Soviet "goodwill" delegations — about the Soviet Union readiness, under suitable conditions, to resume diplomatic relations and to reestablish ties of friendship and cooperation with Israel. Two historic analogies come to mind in this connection. One is the Soviet announcement, a few days before the invasion of Hungary in 1956, of the prospective withdrawal of all Russian troops

from Eastern Europe. The solemn agreement signed in Bratislava just a week before the invasion of Czechoslovakia. The conditions under which the Soviet Union would agree to normalize relations with Israel help assure its peaceful future, needless to say, not only complete withdrawal from all territories occupied in June 1967, also the formation of a PLO State (at least) all those territories, this, obviously, is a prescription for a peaceful future but for aggravation of the dangers Israel. It would be naive to say that the Soviet Government is aware that what it is so kindly offering Israel is nothing but a bomb.

To be sure, circumstances change so profoundly as to policy reassessment on all sides, decline of the Kremlin's but with the Arabs may cause the too, to escape from its friends embrace, in which the Soviet Government may try a serious tactical overtone. But if the Soviet Union ceases to be a potential factor in the area, its friendship to Israel is minimal — in fact, it could hurt prospects of settlement of Arab countries.

But the real problem whether the Soviet Union is prepared to give up its impetuous in the Middle East long as these ambitions Soviet policies in the area must view them as a threat very survival.

READERS' LETTERS

WHY FOREIGN PRESSMEN STAY IN T.A.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to the article of July 28 by Abraham Rabinovich, "Most foreign correspondents in Jerusalem," which is incorrect. He quotes figures from a "mainline" list of correspondents. This list is in front of me as I write, and I draw different statistics and conclusions.

In Jerusalem, as he correctly stated, 45 correspondents are listed, but in Tel Aviv, eight television networks are based (not eight reporters). As for the "mainline" list, six international news agencies have headquarters in Tel Aviv, with several full-time foreign correspondents based in each agency. In all, this "mainline" list of the Government Press Office accounts for 105 persons in Tel Aviv alone. As a matter of accuracy, this list was drawn up by the Government Press Office several years ago, and it is by no means a full list of foreign correspondents. Such figures can be obtained from the Foreign Press Association.

While few people would disagree with Jerusalem being rightly honoured as the capital of Israel, and indeed the head office of the G.P.O. should be there, let the facts be correctly presented.

Incidentally, the list of 45 foreign correspondents provided me by the Government Press Office is dated March, 1976 and lists only 30 names in Tel Aviv for print reporters. The headline over the story "Most foreign correspondents based in Jerusalem" is indeed incorrect as Mr. Rabinovich points out. However, the story itself speaks only of those reporters considered by the Press Office to be "mainline," not the total number of correspondents and stringers working in Israel.

There are other logistic factors which influence the vast majority of foreign correspondents to work out of Tel Aviv, however much they may love Jerusalem.

In addition, the military security complex in Tel Aviv and in times of crisis, the Army Spokesman's complex in Tel Aviv, the list of 45 foreign correspondents provided me by the Government Press Office is dated March, 1976 and lists only 30 names in Tel Aviv for print reporters. The headline over the story "Most foreign correspondents based in Jerusalem" is indeed incorrect as Mr. Rabinovich points out. However, the story itself speaks only of those reporters considered by the Press Office to be "mainline," not the total number of correspondents and stringers working in Israel.

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FAR TOO MANY BANK BRANCHES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Mr. Ya'acov Levinson's contention that the country produces too little (July 22) is not a revelation, but a truth that has plagued Israel for many years. Yet we witness bank branches popping up like mushrooms after the rain, with his own bank having grown from a mere 70 nine years ago to approximately 270 today. Hard to swallow that as a cure for Israel's economic ills.

If we are really in such a critical financial situation, how can we explain that, at every street corner, there are now luxurious bank branches — most of them unnecessary. How are we to explain the enormous profits of the big banks, which enable them to build all these branches? The staff needed for these branches is not productive in the sense of Mr. Levinson's approach to our economic needs, and employees getting 14 monthly salaries per year in addition to fringe benefits will naturally prefer to sit behind a counter than stand in front of a productive machine. Surely, the banks would better invest their huge profits in productive enterprise rather than squander them on luxurious buildings.

ARTHUR GLASS
Tel Aviv.

TRAVEL MONEY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The only comment I can make on your report about a local woman found with \$400 in excess of the official allocation at Ben Gurion Airport after a body search is: what a pity! A pity that she got caught and a pity that there is such a law.

When will our laws be made in such a manner that we can live honestly, instead of encouraging decent people to cheat? How can a person go abroad and live on his travel allowance unless he stays with relatives that pick up all the bills?

On the other hand, how would Israel like it if, say, the United States limited its allocation to tourists coming to Israel?

LILA BRODSKY
Jerusalem.

'OUT-RATE EYE TREATMENT'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I wish to refer to your article of July 18, "Complete service for a vision impaired public." The writer makes reference to a business establishment in Jerusalem, and though seemingly altruistic, the tone and purport of the article are blatantly commercial. Free or discounted services are offered to patrons of this particular establishment.

The Israel Optometric Association, like other professional organizations, takes strong exception to this type of pseudo-public service publicity. Recently, the Israel Bar Association ruled that a member attorney may not use his name in a news article about the services he provides, under threat of disbarment.

The subject of this paragraph on vision care is member of the Israel Optic Association. Since there is no optometry law in Israel, our action, through its internal recognized credentials, screens applicants and membership. A list of members may be obtained by the Israel Optometric Central, Hayarkon Street, Tel Aviv.

Vision is man's most precious possession, and it should be jeopardized by low cost or eye care.

GENE STOLLMA
Israel Optometric Association
Tel Aviv.

THANK YOU, LADY BIRD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I feel that I must express my gratitude to Lady Bird Johnson, for what I am sure that many of us who came on aliyah from the U.S. must feel as a consequence of her visit. The former First Lady, when interviewed here, spoke with enthusiasm of her admiration for all she had seen during her visit here: the bountiful and variegated agriculture located on former wastelands, formerly barren hillsides now reforested and green, historic sites and archaeological excavations contrasting with a dynamic and modern society in the making.

She helped many of us immigrants remember what we tend to forget: the excitement and wonder we experienced when we first came to Israel and the challenge of joining forces in the rebuilding of our homeland. Our daily political and economic squabbling and the shortcomings of our society in the making tend to crowd out the transcendental significance of the great adventure of homecoming. We forget what has already been accomplished and what must still be achieved. A good friend from the U.S. has helped some of us regain a proper perspective.

S. A. REINHILMER
Rehovot.

COMPLAINT FI RAMALLAH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was delighted to read article of July 30 to the effect authorities were quick to help to the Christian monk who his garden high above a cliff Kelt.

On the other hand, we have asking the Health Service past two years to provide Ramallah with a standby gend avoid life-threatening ailments from arising when the city's supply is cut. This happens frequently, yet no action been taken.

ISA G. SALT, M.D.
Director and Chief of Ramallah Hospital
Ramallah.

VAT PROPOS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Here is a suggestion tax authorities. Many march complaining that they can't legal invoices with V.A.T. because it impedes their work not issue special V.A.T. stamps this specific purpose?

A. REH
Kiryat Bialik.



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FILM FESTIVAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — May I be permitted a correction to your article of July 20 on the first World Jewish Film and Television Festival.

The Committee of Honour is headed by His Excellency, President Ephraim Katzir, and includes Mr. Yisrael Yeshayahu, Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Yigal Alon, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Teddy Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem, and Mr. Walter Bytan, Chairman of the Board of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

The film and TV personalities listed in your article are not members of the Committee of Honour, but have been invited, among others, as "Guests of honour."

MELVILLE MARK
Festival Director
Jerusalem (Geneva).

HATS OFF!

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Hats off to your Helga Dudman for her lively humour, intelligence and excellent prose style. Whether the subject is classics or cockroaches, she is fluent, friendly and refreshing.

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